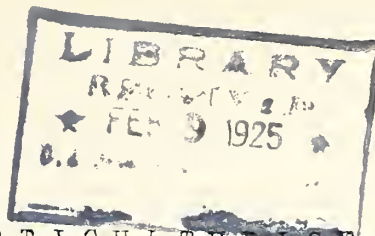


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* Economy is the watchword in all governmental *
* activities at present. True economy, that which *
* really prevents waste, is to be commended but re- *
* sults can not be obtained without expense, and the *
* wise extension worker will discriminate between true *
* and false economy. More careful consideration of *
* the plan of work and less tendency to depart from *
* the adopted plan under stress of local request, will *
* result in true economy. "Be sure you are right then *
* go ahead." *
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Dr. Jardine to Become Head of Department.

Dr. William Marion Jardine, President of the Kansas State Agricultural College, was appointed Secretary of Agriculture by President Collidge on February 14, and takes office March 4, succeeding Secretary Howard M. Gore, who becomes Governor of West Virginia. The appointment of the new Secretary was confirmed by the Senate February 18.

Dr. Jardine, who is a member of the President's agricultural conference, which recently reported its findings and suggestions regarding the needs of the farming industry, was selected from a large number of men from nearly all sections of the country.

Dr. Jardine is of Scotch-Welsh ancestry and was born January 16, 1879. His early life was spent on a farm in the Malad Valley of Idaho and on a cattle ranch in the Big Hole Basin of Montana. His boyhood was spent largely in working on his father's farm, but through the long winters he found time to study and do much thinking concerning his future work. At 19 he was "punching cows" in the Big Hole Basin and at 21 he entered the Agricultural College of Utah, graduating in 1904.

Dr. Jardine is especially fitted for the important position to which he was just been appointed, having had practical farm experience and both state college and Federal work. During Dr. Jardine's busy life, since finishing college he has been manager for a company farming a large ranch in central Utah. In 1907 he became assistant cerealist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in which position he traveled extensively in the grain-growing states of the west and in Canada. In 1910 Dr. Jardine left the Department to head the Department of Agronomy at the Kansas State Agricultural College, and three years later was elevated to the position of dean. In five more years he was made president of the college, the position he relinquishes to accept the secretaryship.

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L. M. Estabrook to Direct World Agricultural Census.

Leon M. Estabrook, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, has been appointed by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome as director of the World Census of Agriculture to be made by the institute in 1930. He will sail in the early spring to Rome, where he will begin the necessary preliminary work. This census will be the first effort ever made to inventory the world's agriculture.

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Tomato Project.

On January 21, F. C. Gaylord of the Extension Department of Indiana, met with the tomato growers of Warrick Co. and a Ten Ton Club was organized. Mr. Gaylord also gave a very interesting lecture on successful tomato growing which was of great interest to the hundred and fifty growers that attended the meeting. Warrick Co. has soil well adapted for tomatoes and some good records should be made by members of the Club during the coming season.

Echoes from the Washington Meeting of the American Society
for Horticultural Science.

We are glad that the program of the Washington meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science has evoked so much discussion, both among the extension men and the research men. There is, naturally, some difference of opinion so we are giving both sides.

What is surprising and disappointing to us is that the extension men are not strongly supporting the American Society for Horticultural Science by taking a more active part on its programs. Aside from two or three sectional meetings of groups of horticultural extension and college men, the annual meeting of this Society is the only big clearing house for extension work and methods. Several of the prominent extension men dropped out of this Society last year, but we believe that the extension group would strengthen their work by using the great opportunity which this Society affords.

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Prof. F. A. Motz - Virginia.

"I have read the last issue of the "Extension Horticulturist" with unusual interest. After re-reading several paragraphs dealing with the A. S. H. S. meeting recently held in Washington and analyzing some of the suggestions and criticisms, it impresses me more strongly than ever that it is one of the best issues that has come out in recent months.

Following this meeting, I have been thinking of a number of the points brought out by you. Our views on several points coincide. Mr. A. G. Smith and myself have discussed this meeting a great many times since our return and have asked each other just what and how much we got out of the meeting. My chief criticism of the meeting was that so many of the papers presented were preliminary or progress reports upon experimental projects, and, as mentioned in the Horticulturist, while certain of the papers gave definite results of investigational work, many of them covered but one or two years work and were, as you say, more or less indications rather than final results. I took notes on practically all the talks which were given and since returning to the office have gone over them but in the majority of cases I am at a loss to know in what way I can use this information in connection with my own work.

In answer to your statement, which was made by certain teachers and investigators saying that they preferred to hear papers on investigation rather than on Extension because they do not have time to read the bulletins giving results on investigation, I do not believe applies to either Mr. Smith or myself. I remember distinctly of having made the statement that we would like to see the meeting so arranged so that we might be able to hear papers giving results on certain pieces of investigational work that has not yet appeared in print. It is quite true that I do not find time to read all the publications which are received and which lay on my desk. However, I do try to summarize these various bulletins in order to get, in a general way, the results of the investigators and to use them in my teaching. Personally, I would much prefer to attend the Extension section than the Research section as my interest

lies in that direction. The discussion of various projects and the personal contact with the men developing these projects is of more value to me than sitting all day listening to Research papers which have little or no value, which I thought to be the case in many sections. The opportunity I had of meeting extension men from other states and conferring with them before and after the regular sessions was of no little value to me."

Prof. A. C. McCue, Delaware.

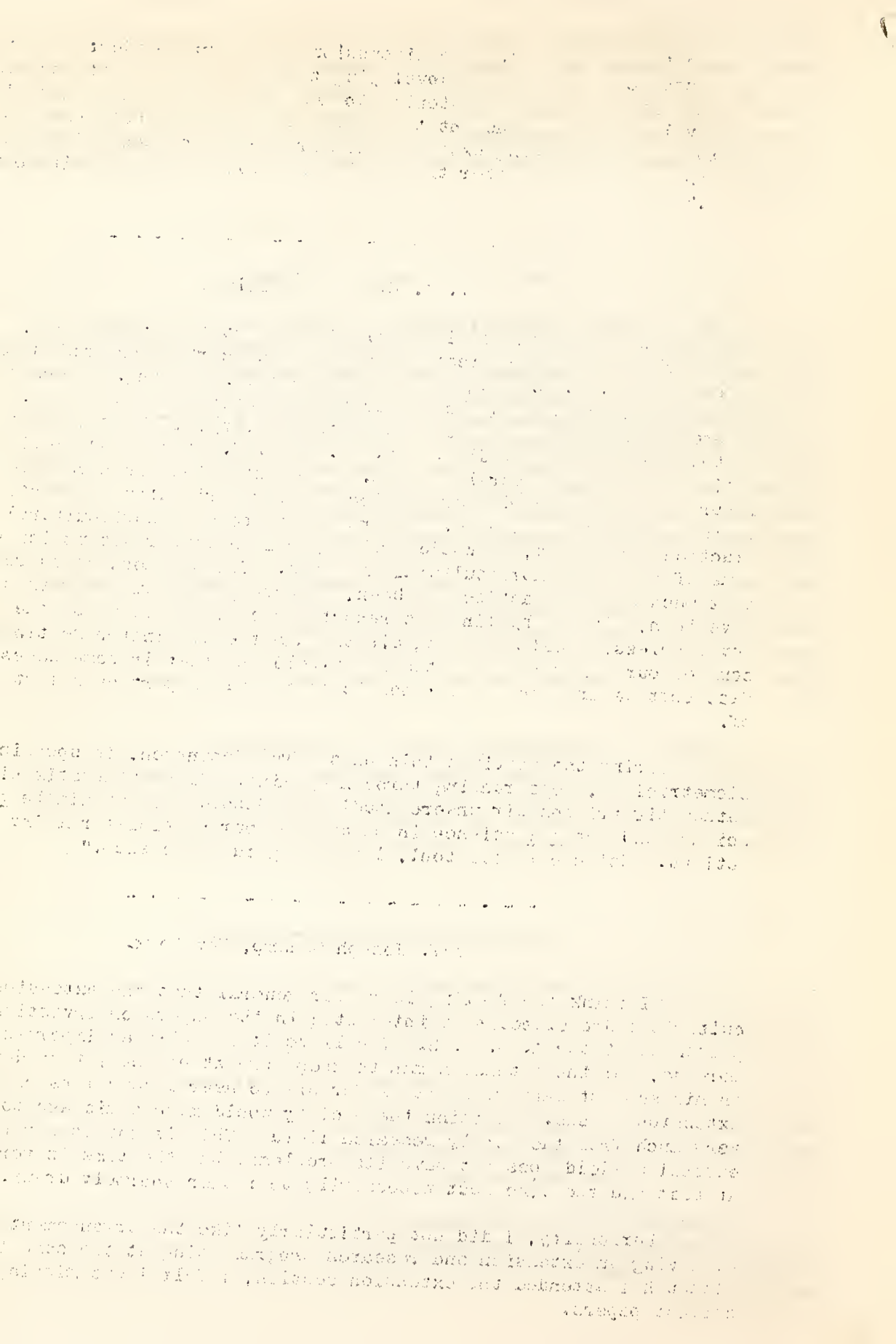
"The Extension Horticulturist" has just come to my desk, and I have read with some interest the comments of certain extension workers upon the A. S. H. S. program at the Washington meeting. There seems to be a great deal of confusion as to the purposes of the A. S. H. S. If one stops to analyze the name of the Society, I think a great deal of that confusion will disappear. A. S. H. S. stands for American Society for Horticultural Science. Some extension men have evidently interpreted it to read American Society for Horticultural Practice. There is a vast difference. If one wishes to hear horticultural practices discussed, he would probably hear a better discussion at some of the state horticultural meetings. Yet the most of us realize that much of our practice has been, or perhaps I should say should have been, altered by findings reported upon in meetings of the A. S. H. S. Nevertheless, I had a feeling all through the Washington meetings that some of our men were going too far afield and that in some cases the fact that we are working for horticulture had in part been lost sight of.

During the meetings this phrase from Johannsen, in speaking of Biometricians, kept running through my mind. "Mit Mathematik nicht als Mathematik trieben wir unsere Studien. Should not our aim be with science and not for science in conducting our horticultural investigations. Science is our tool, let us regard it as such."

Prof. Joseph Oscamp, New York.

"I think the feeling is rather general that the extension horticulturists are exceedingly interested in the papers on investigation presented at the A. S. H. S. I believe it is fully as important, if not more so, for the extension man to keep abreast of the latest developments in his subject matter, as it is for him to hear discussions on the purely extension phases. I think the Society would make a mistake to deviate very much from the purely research field. This is not to say that the extension field does not have its problems, but the time is very limited at best and the line must necessarily be rather sharply drawn.

Personally, I did not particularly like the arrangement this year of having an extension and research program going at the same time. Although I attended the extension section, I felt I was missing some excellent papers.



It seems to me that it might be possible to have a night session on extension or devote a part of the regular program every other year or so to extension matters. Whenever there is a distinctly new and significant development in extension, I am sure our program committee can be trusted to accord such a contribution a place on the program most any year."

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Prof. H. E. Nichols, Iowa.

"I have just received my January 1st copy of the "Extension Horticulturist," and read with interest what you say in regard to the extension program in the Society of Horticultural Science meeting. Speaking for myself, I feel that it is a very good thing to have the regular extension sessions in connection with the meetings. My opinion in regard to papers evidently coincides with that of a number of others. I thought that I had nothing particularly new to report and also since I found that it would be impossible for me to get there, the preparation of a paper slipped by in the mass of detail work that we have to do. I can hardly agree with those who say that the Extension Horticulturist prefers to hear papers on investigational work, rather than extension work. If I were situated where I could attend these meetings, I certainly would attend every extension session that was held, for this reason. We know that the investigational work will come out in time in bulletin form and although we do not have enough time to efficiently keep up on this, yet we can get the information if we need it. On the other hand, what I am interested in as an extension man in such a meeting, is to get from others doing similar work, their methods on carrying out the work and outstanding pieces of work accomplished. Usually this material is never published in any bulletin and the only way to get it is through personal contact with the other men in our particular line.

I understand the next meeting will be held in Kansas City. This, of course, will make it nice for all of us here in the middle west, and I rather imagine that quite a large number of extension men will be present at the meeting. I am sure that if nothing happens, I will be there myself. I would like to see the extension men of the middle west have a good session at that time. I believe that, with a little work beforehand, enough interest could be stirred up among the various extension men to get quite a few of them in at that time. I would be perfectly willing to do whatever I could to help in this matter. However, it might be best if the invitations and stimulus came from the State in which the meeting will be held. At one time, you will remember, we had a little organization of the extension horticultural men of the middle western states. However, it sort of dropped by the wayside but I believe it could be revived for future benefit of the work."

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Prof. M. A. Blake, New Jersey.

"I note what you say in regard to criticisms that some of the papers presented at our meeting were merely reports of progress. I think in the past, some of our members have felt that the younger men should be

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given a chance to appear and present material.

The other side of it is, however, that we spend valuable time and considerable expense in traveling to these meetings, and, therefore, all material presented should be of the highest grade. It was my thought that, when statements were called for noting the character of the paper, it was partly with the idea that it would tend to eliminate the weaker papers. Probably many of these briefs, however, were not complete or full enough to enable any one to judge of their merits, and probably the only way to help matters would be to require that they be the result of reasonably finished work.

There is another idea which occurs to me, however, I believe it is highly desirable from the standpoint of the younger investigators, that we have a session which would tend to discuss methods, and where there would be time for discussion. Perhaps a session might be arranged for, where the program would consist of progress papers and a discussion of methods. If our attendance is maintained, we could run double sessions and have a good attendance at each."

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